GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FOODGRAINS TO THE POOR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to ensure supply of foodgrains to the inaccessible areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the inaccessible areas, State-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken by the Government to supply foodgrains to those areas during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a),(b)&(c): The Food Corporation of India (FCI) makes foodgrains available to States/ UTs from its designated godowns/rail heads. Further transportation of the foodgrains from the FCI godowns/rail heads to the retail outlets is the responsibility of the State Governments/UTs.

However, the FCI is reimbursing road transport cost on actual basis for transportation of foodgrains, to be distributed through PDS network, from the base depots of FCI to the designated Public Distribution Centres (PDCs) under the Hill Transport Subsidy (HTS scheme, which is applicable to predominantly hilly States (including North-Eastern States and Island Territories).